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Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.07 hours per response.

Respondents: Milk handlers and milk marketing cooperatives.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 739.

Estimated Number of Responses: 20,503.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 28.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 22,004 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments should reference this docket number and be mailed to William F. Newell, Chief, Order Operations Branch, USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs—Room 2753-S, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Stop 0226, Washington, DC 20250-0226, (202) 720-3869, e-mail address: William.Newell@usda.gov.

Comments should also reference the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address, or may be viewed at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/index.htm>.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 27, 2004.

A.J. Yates,
Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Yates Duck Creek Federal Oil Well #1 EIS: Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revision of a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service published a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Yates Duck Creek Federal Oil Well #1 in the **Federal Register** dated February 25, 2002 (FR Doc. 02-4109, pages 8512-8514). The original notice designated the Regional Forester as the Responsible Official. This revision (1) describes the current status of the Thunder Basin National Grassland Land and Resource Management Plan, 2001 Revision, (2) designates the Forest Supervisor as the Responsible Official, and (3) provides notification of a new estimated date for filing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Liz Moncrief, Supervisor's Office, 2468 Jackson Street, Laramie, Wyoming 82070, (307) 745-2456.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to drill for and develop conventional oil and gas resources with one (1) well on National Forest System lands in Campbell County, Wyoming. The well would be located on Federal Lease # WYW-141191, issued in 1997, in Section 30, T.55N., R.69W., 6th P.M.

The purpose of the project is to determine the potential for oil and gas development, by drilling one exploratory well in the Duck Creek area. The project potentially includes three phases: (1) Drilling, (2) development and/or production of oil and/or gas if discovered in producible quantities, and (3) abandonment. The initial phase of the project would include constructing access to the drill site, constructing a well pad, and drilling and testing the well. If results of testing indicate that oil and/or gas are present in producible quantities, production equipment and facilities would be installed. Development could include the installation of tanks and treatment equipment on the wellsite and a pipeline to transport the product. The project proposal also includes a plan for abandonment of the well. If oil and/or gas are not present in quantities that justify completion and production, the well would be abandoned and the site

and access road reclaimed immediately. If the well is put into production, well abandonment and reclamation of the well site and access road would be performed to achieve a pre-project condition after the reservoir is depleted. The proposed well would be located in the Duck Creek Inventoried Roadless Area. If approved as proposed, the decision would permit road construction and reconstruction to occur in the roadless area. The EIS will comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321-4370a), the National Forest Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1600-1614), and the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended and supplemented (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*), and their implementing regulations.

DATES: Comments concerning the proposal and the scope of the analysis will be accepted and considered at any time after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** and prior to a decision being made.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Liz Moncrief, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest Supervisor's Office, 2486 Jackson Street, Laramie, Wyoming 82070. Electronic mail may be sent to: emoncrief@fs.fed.us, fax may be sent to 307-745-2398.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Liz Moncrief, Forest Service Project Leader, 307-745-2456.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Yates Petroleum Corporation has filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management for a permit to drill and complete one exploration well. Drilling and completion of the well requires construction of access roads, and may include installation of testing and production equipment. As surface management agency, the Forest Service proposes to permit surface operations associated with the development of oil and/or gas resources with the drilling of one (1) well including construction of access roads and production facilities. The Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement. This EIS disclose the environmental effects of the proposed oil and gas development.

In 1994, the Forest Service prepared the Thunder Basin Oil and Gas Leasing EIS and issued a Record of Decision (ROD) for future oil and gas development on NFS lands on the Thunder Basin National Grasslands. This decision authorized the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to lease Federal oil and gas resources in the Duck Creek area subject to certain stipulations described in the ROD, and pertinent to the surface use of the NFS lands. Subsequent to this decision, the

BLM offered the Federal lease for sale. Yates Petroleum purchased the lease in 1997. Pursuant to 43 CFR 3101.1-2 Surface Use Rights, the lessee has a right to develop the oil and gas resources on that lease area, subject to stipulations attached to the lease and other provisions as described.

The Medicine Bow National Forest and Thunder Basin National Grassland Land and Resource Management Plan of 1985, as amended by the April 22, 1994, Record of Decision for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Oil and Gas Leasing on the Thunder Basin National Grassland, provides stipulations for oil and gas leases, and standards and guidelines for oil and gas development on NFS lands. This proposal is consistent with the 1985 Land and Resource Management Plan.

The following paragraph replaces the previous paragraph to identify the current status of the Management Plan Direction.

Thunder Basin National Grassland Land and Resource Management Plan, 2001 Revision (1)

The Thunder Basin National Grassland portion of the 1985 Plan was revised as part of the Northern Great Plains Management Plan Revision process. The Final EIS and 2001 Revised Thunder Basin National Grassland Plan are completed. A Record of Decision was signed on July 31, 2002. This proposal is consistent with the 2001 Revised Thunder Basin National Grassland Plan and the preferred alternative in the Final EIS.

Decision To Be Made

The Responsible Official will consider the results of the analysis and its findings and then document the final decision in a Record of Decision (ROD). The decision will include a determination of the terms, conditions, and mitigation measures under which the proponent may develop the oil and/or gas resources while also protecting the surface natural resources in the area and providing for public safety.

Responsible Official (2)

Mary Peterson, Forest Supervisor, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest and Thunder Basin National Grassland, Laramie, Wyoming 82070, is the official responsible for making the Forest Service decision on this action. She will document her decision and rationale in a Record of Decision.

Preliminary Issues

Proposed construction/reconstruction of access roads to the proposed well location would alter the character of

portions of the Duck Creek Inventoried Roadless Area.

Public Involvement

At this time, the Forest Service is seeking information, comments and other assistance from Federal, State and local agencies, and other individuals or organizations who have an interest in, or could be affected by the proposed action. The public is encouraged to take part in this process and to visit with Forest Service officials at any time during the analysis, and prior to the decision. While public comments are welcome at any time, comments received within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** will be most useful for the identification of issues and the analysis of alternatives. Comments may be sent by electronic mail (e-mail) to emoncrie@fs.fed.us. Written comments may be mailed to the Medicine Bow—Routt National Forest Supervisors Office, 2468 Jackson Street, Laramie, Wyoming 82070-6535, attention Liz Moncrief. Please reference the *Yates-Duck Creek O&G Well EIS* on the subject line. The name and mailing address of the commenter should be provided with their comments so that future documents pertaining to this environmental analysis and the decision can be provided to interested parties.

Estimated Dates for Filing (3)

The draft EIS is expected to be filed with the environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and available for public review during March 2004. At that time, the EPA will publish a Notice of Availability (NOA) of the draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The comment period on the draft EIS will be for a period of not less than 45 days from the date the EPA publishes the NOA in the **Federal Register**. It is important that those interested in the management of this area comment at that time. The final EIS is expected to be available during July 2004. In the final EIS, the Forest Service will respond to any comments received during the public comment period that pertain to the environmental analysis.

The Public's Obligation To Comment

The Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers an early notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of Draft Environmental Impact Statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions.

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised during the Draft Environmental Impact Statement stage, but are not raised until after completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement, may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). As a result of these previous court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns related to the proposed action, comments on this Draft Environmental Impact Statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft document. Comments may also address the adequacy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement or the merits of the alternatives displayed in the document. Reviewers should refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations at 40 CFR 1503.3 for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act for addressing these points. Please note that any comments that are submitted in relation to this DEIS will be considered as public information.

Release of Names

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this Proposed Action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR parts 215 or 217. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision

regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within ten (10) days.

Responsible Official

Mary Peterson, Forest Supervisor, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland, 2468 Jackson Street, Laramie, Wyoming 82070, is the official responsible for making the decision on this Revised Notice of Intent action. She will document her decision and rationale in a Record of Decision.

Dated: February 3, 2004.

Mary H. Peterson,

Forest Supervisor, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Flathead County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Flathead County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Kalispell, Montana March 17th. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss additional funding for the 2004 Title II projects and membership.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Flathead County Commissioner's Office, Commissioner's Conference Room, 800 South Main, Kalispell, Montana 59901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kaaren Arnoux, Flathead National Forest, Administrative Assistant, (406) 758-5251.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Time will be available for public input on potential projects the committee may be discussing.

Denise Germann,

Public Affairs Specialist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Request for Proposals (RFP): Farm Labor Housing Technical Assistance Grants

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This RFP announces an availability of funds and the timeframe to submit proposals for Farm Labor Housing Technical Assistance (FLH-TA) grants.

Section 516 of the Housing Act of 1949 authorizes the Rural Housing Service (RHS) to provide financial assistance (grants) to eligible private and public nonprofit agencies to encourage the development of domestic and migrant farm labor housing projects. This RFP requests proposals from qualified private and public nonprofit agencies to provide technical assistance to groups who qualify for FLH loans and grants.

Work performed under these grants is expected to result in an increased submission of applications for farm labor housing loans and grants under the section 514 and 516 programs and in an increase of the availability of decent, safe, and sanitary housing for farm laborers.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of all applications in response to this RFP is 5 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on May 3, 2004. The application closing deadline is firm as to date and hour.

RHS will not consider any application that is received after the closing deadline. Applicants intending to mail applications must provide sufficient time to permit delivery on or before the closing deadline. Acceptance by a post office or private mailer does not constitute delivery. Facsimile (FAX), Cash On Delivery, and postage due applications will not be accepted.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be submitted to the USDA—Rural Housing Service; Attention: Douglas MacDowell; Multi-Family Housing Processing Division—STOP 0781, Washington, DC 20250-0781. RHS will date and time stamp incoming applications to evidence timely receipt and, upon request, will provide the applicant with a written acknowledgement of receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sue M. Harris-Green, Deputy Director, Multi-Family Housing Processing Division—Direct Loans, RHS, USDA, Room 1241, South Building, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-0781, telephone (202) 720-1604. (This is not a toll free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The technical assistance grants authorized under section 516 are for the purpose of encouraging the development of domestic and migrant farm labor housing projects under sections 514 and 516 of the Act. Proposals must demonstrate the capacity to provide the intended technical assistance.

The RHS intends to award one grant for each of three geographic regions. When establishing the three regions, consideration was given to such factors as farmworker migration patterns and the similarity of agricultural products and labor needs within certain areas of the United States. A single applicant may submit grant proposals for more than one region; however, separate proposals must be submitted for each region.

Eastern Region: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, IN, KY, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PA, PR, RI, SC, TN, VI, VT, VA, and WV.

Central Region: AR, IL, IA, KS, LA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NE, ND, OK, SD, TX, and WI.

Western Region: AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY, and the Pacific Territories.

Funding

The RHS has the authority to utilize up to ten (10) percent of its section 516 appropriation for FLH-TA grants. The total FY 2004 appropriation for section 516 is \$17,901,000. The total amount of the FY 2004 appropriation that RHS has made available for FLH-TA grants is \$1,500,000. Of that amount, up to \$562,500 will be available for each of the Eastern and Western Grant Regions and up to \$375,000 of the remaining funds will be available for the Central Grant Region. If no proposal is received from an eligible applicant for one of the grant regions, RHS may, at its discretion, (1) use that grant region's funds in one or two of the other regions or (2) chose not to use that grant region's funds for FLH-TA. Work performed under these grants must be completed within three years of entering into the grant agreement provided as Appendix A to this Notice. The disbursement of grant funds during the grant period will be contingent upon the grantee making progress in meeting the minimum performance requirements as described in the Scope of Work section of this notice, including, but not limited to, the submission of loan application packages.

Eligibility

Eligibility for grants under this Notice is limited to private and public nonprofit agencies. Grantees must have